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SUBJECT: UK-NICKEL TO POLAND, ROMANIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AE-11

REF: (A) COCOM DOCS (77) 244, 277, 299, 395,
B) PARIS 19001

1. USDEL INSTRUCTED TO OBJECT TO THESE FOUR PROPOSED
EXPORTS ON THE FOLLOWING GROUNDS:

(A) NICKEL POWDER IS EMBARGOED BECAUSE OF EXTREMELY SENSITIVE
NUCLEAR APPLICATIONS WELL DOCUMENTED IN COCOM RECORDS. THE
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SENSITIVITIES ARE NO LESS TODAY THAN THEY WERE WHEN THE
ITEM WAS FIRST PLACED UNDER EMBARGO.

(B) THE POWDER INVOLVED IN THESE PROPOSED EXPORTS IS THE
TYPE OF GREATEST CONCERN. IT IS MADE BY THE CARBONYL
PROCESS AND ITS SIZE (2.2 TO 7 MICRONS) IS CONSIDERABLY
BELOW THE DIFINITIONAL CUT OFF OF 100 MICRONS.

(C) THE QUANTITIES INVOLVED IN EACH OF THESE CASES ARE SUBSTANTIALLY GREATER THAN THOSE OF ALMOST EVERY PREVIOUS REQUEST CONSIDERED OR APPROVED. CUMULATIVELY, THESE FOUR REQUESTS REPRESENT MORE NICKEL POWDER FOR PROPOSED EXPORT INTO THE BLOC THAN ALL OF THE REQUESTS AND APPROVALS MADE SINCE THE ITEM WAS PLACED ON THE EMBARGO LIST IN THE 1950'S. THE QUANTITIES INVOLVED ARE MORE THAN SUFFICIENT TO PERMIT EXTENSIVE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN URANIUM ENRICHMENT.

(D) CONTINUED LARGE SHIPMENTS OF NICKEL POWDER POWDER TO PROSCRIBED DESTINATIONS MAY ERODE THE EMBARGO CONTROLS AND ESTABLISH UNDESIRABLE PROCEDURE FOR FURTHER SHIPMENTS OR CHANGES IN THE LEVEL OF CONTROL OVER THIS ITEM.

2. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE U.S. HAS PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED CONCERN WITH REGARD TO REQUESTS FOR SHIPMENTS OF LARGE AMOUNTS OF NICKEL POWDER, FOR EXAMPLE IN COCOM DOC. (73) 744.

3. U.S. AUTHORITIES DOUBT THAT ULTRA-PURE NICKEL POWDER WITH VERY SMALL PARTICLE SIZES IS ESSENTIAL, FOR EXAMPLE, TO THE PRODUCTION OF WASHERS AND NUT FASTENING HEADS FOR FIAT CARS, OR FOR THE PRODUCTION OF THE SINTERED PARTS FOR THE MACHINE BUILDING INDUSTRY.
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4. FYI: DEPARTMENT HAS INFORMED UK EMBASSY ORALLY THAT US EXPECTS TO OBJECT AND REASONS THEREFORE. END FYI. VANCE

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